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### **Houston Baker Joins Mississippi Forestry Commission**

*Jackson, MS* – Effective July 21, 2010, Houston Baker will assume the position of Grants Manager for the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Baker will be involved with the management of all grants for all programs agency wide.

“The Grants Manager position is in charge of managing existing grants and recruiting new grants,” said Charlie Morgan, State Forester of the Mississippi Forestry Commission. “Baker will be working with other grant personnel to maintain our existing grants, but will also be recruiting new grants with an emphasis on the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration.”

Baker previously held the position of Owner/President of Midsouth Minitrucks LLC, a supplier of miniature off-road trucks made in Japan. Baker founded and established the company in Madison, MS in 2006 after forming a partnership with two Japanese manufacturers. Midsouth Minitrucks provided and coordinated the delivery of the off-road vehicles to wholesale customers throughout the U.S. and conducted retail sales out of its Madison office.

Baker also served as District Sales Supervisor for ISK Biocides, Inc. during a portion of this time, responsible for chemical sales and service in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and eastern Texas. His range of chemicals was used to prevent mold, mildew and sap-stain on freshly sawn lumber. He also provided technical support to his customer on recommended use rates based on the type of species sawn in different geographic locations.

Baker holds a BS in Forest Management from Mississippi State University.

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